

THE OCALA BANNER



Your flag and my flag, and how it flies today;
Is your land and my land and half the world away;
Blue red and blood red its stripes forever gleam;
Know white and soul white, the good forefathers' dream;
Say blue and true blue, with stars that gleam aright;
The glorious guidon of the day, a shelter through the night.
Your flag and my flag, and oh, how much it holds!
Your land and my land secure within its folds;
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, the red and blue and white;
The one flag, the great flag, the flag for me and you;
Glorified all else beside, the red and white and blue.

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Mrs. J. E. Tatum, mother of the Miami Tatums, died in Orlando Monday. She was 80 years old.

Several sensational arrests have been made in the Mrs. Platt murder case at Tampa, and that city is all agog.

The White House at Washington is said to be infested with rats. There is to be a general cleaning up—and Teddy away!

The estate of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota is said to be only \$3700. There is a record of the simple life of a high official.

The ministers of Jackson, Miss., have entered a formal protest against serving wine at the banquet to be tendered to President Taft.

The Tampa Tribune says that Colonel J. B. Anderson is the most prominent citizen of Tampa. We had not heard that Colonel Peter O. Knight had moved his residence.

The government has given out the statement that it will give aid to the sufferers of the Terrebonne parish of Louisiana. This is done to prevent an outbreak of pestilence.

We notice also that the wide awake officials of St. Johns county are solicitous of the colored brother whose propensities lie in the direction of the pasteboard, but as to the white brother they are color blind.

The Packer's new man for Florida estimates this year's orange crop at 7,000,000 boxes. It was 6,000,000 until he raised it. Let it remain as it was—too much salt may spoil the broth.—Orlando Reporter-Star.

A special comes from Portsmouth, N. H., that the crew of the naval tug, Nezinecoff, which sank in a gale off Cape Ann about a month ago, left the captain and the surgeon to their fate, having got possession of the life boat.

The president is doing stunts on his western trip similar to President Roosevelt, when he made a similar jaunt: Preaching from the Mormon pulpit in the great Salt Lake tabernacle; going down in a mine 1200 feet in the bowels of the earth, etc.

Tampa gave a royal welcome to the first steamship from Philadelphia, which adds another link to Tampa's commercial chain. A big banquet was given and there was a great flow of oratory, for which Tampa is proverbial.

By the death of John A. Johnson, a republican lieutenant governor takes the place of a democratic governor in Minnesota, just as occurred in Ohio in 1906, when Governor Pattison, a democrat, died in office, and was succeeded by Lieut. Gov. Harris, a republican.

Why not change things around a little—instead of making cotton to buy bacon with, why not make bacon to buy cotton with? Try it and see how it works.—Jasper News.

That's what we are doing down here in Marion and the scheme works all right. But the better scheme, it seems to us, would be to combine the two—grow both. Cotton never fails to bring the cash.

Hon. W. B. Hare, editor of the DeSoto County News, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for railroad commissioner. The editor of the Democrat has known Mr. Hare for years and we would be delighted to support him. We regard him as one of Florida's purest and best men.—Live Oak Democrat.

Editor Hare is one of nature's noblemen. Capable, high-toned and conscientious, he would adorn a place on the railroad commission. We would be glad to see the newspapers of Florida rally to his support unanimously and refuse to take "no" for an answer.

Lee county is to have a canning factory.

Two men captured 41 alligators in one bunch the other dy in Okeechobee Lake.

Orlando has a new hotel with an entirely new name. It is called the "Wil-lola."

The tidal wave on the gulf coast was mild compared to the prohibition wave.—Atlanta Journal.

If Dr. Cook is a democrat, as reported, he is running ahead of his ticket.—Toledo Blade.

Dr. Cook's partiality to Denmark at least shows that he doesn't suspect anything rotten there.—Atlanta Journal.

A firm in Jacksonville claims to make the very kind of gumdrops used by Cook in his discovery of the north pole.

Mr. W. H. Potter, county treasurer of Sumter county, is dead. He lived at Rutland, and was one of the pioneer citizens of the county.

With Lincoln pennies quoted at 8 cents apiece, isn't it about time for another tariff fight to reduce the cost of living.—Toledo Blade.

A Kansas girl has been engaged seven times since June. Evidently she didn't put in much time helping her mother.—Toledo Blade.

The Metropolis says that the automobile tax in that city is meeting with disfavor. When and where was a tax ever hailed with joy?

The Bank of DeLand has made application to become a national bank, and the application has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

Claude L'Engle continues to make his sensational tour and nothing discourages nor disconcerts him. He says that he is going to get the plum.

Efforts are on foot to reclaim 25,000 acres of land between the St. Johns river and the town of Hastings. The Hastings soil is said to be very fine.

The three words—boost, boom, build—follow each other with ascending meaning. First comes the boost; in a little while boost produces boom and then comes the building.—Pensacola Journal.

The progressive county commissioners of Duval county have called an election to ratify a million dollar bond issue for the building of good roads. The Jacksonville papers claim that the issue will be approved by a large majority of the voters and it will give a big impetus to the already rapid growth of that county.

Nellie Gray of the Jacksonville Metropolis has given out some more information. She tells us that New York is the largest city in the United States and that Jacksonville is the largest city in Florida! Nellie might also add that Ocala is the busiest little city in Florida and for beauty has all other Florida cities faded.

The great Barnum and Bailey circus is coming to Florida. It is billed for a performance in Pensacola early in November. Not likely that Tampans will get a chance to see the big show—circus men say the Tampa license is prohibitive.—Tampa Times. Ditto Ocala. Our reform legislators seem to be "agin the circus," and "agin" things generally.

The West-Flynn-Harris Company has brought suit against Messrs. B. W. Blount and G. A. McLeod for \$25,000. The case is one of assumption, the exact nature of which is not stated.

Now Senator Zim Declares with a vim That Frank Clark's shoes Will just fit him.—Tampa Tribune.

In all the history of exploration and discovery there has been nothing so dramatic as the announcement by two daring adventurers, within five days of one another, that each has planted his country's flag at the apex of the world. And the heart of the American people literally bubbles with patriotic pride as they realize that the flag, in both instances, was the Stars and Stripes.—Atlanta Journal.

What's this? Broward orders several thousand banana plants from Honduras and will start a banana plantation in the Everglades? We thought, judging from his senatorial aspirations, that the former governor intended confining his operations exclusively to the lemon industry.—Tampa Tribune.

Jesse Burtz's directorcy count gives Gainesville a population of 5127. Nearly half are colored. In fact, Jesse is quite an artist in "black and white."—Tampa Tribune.

Jesse Burtz, too, got up the directorcy for Orlando, and the population showed identically the same figures. Quite a coincidence.

The "Boosters' Club" of Jacksonville seems to have boosted itself out of existence.

Electric lights, fed by storage batteries have been installed in an ambulance in London.

Letter registration will be raised to 10 cents by the postoffice department after November 1.

"The land of enough to eat" is the title that is now applied to the United States. Is it not a good one to brag about?

Tom Watson is still keeping up his fight against the foreign missionary system, and a mighty big fight he is making, too.

E-faw-lo-har-jo, the most influential Indian of the tribe of Seminoles, has been baptized, and accepted the Christian faith.

The First National Bank of St. Augustine is paying 4.3 per cent. for the privilege of becoming the depository of the city funds.

Talk about the nerve of Cook and Peary, what is it compared with that of Claude L'Engle, who is traversing the state of Florida all by his lonesome in his race for United States senator?

Of course "Smile Powell" is making a good secretary of Tampa's board of trade, but what interests us is to know if he is making good on the Times? He will do the most good by making good there.

We are told that the missionaries, since the Elsie Sigel affair, have decided to give up their labors in the Chinese slums in this country. But what is the difference between the slums here and the slums in Shanghai and other Chinese cities?

On October 19th Duval county will vote for a bond issue of one million dollars for the building of good roads. We are fast entering upon an era of good road building and it means much for the future well-being of the country.

Mr. Adolph Ochs can give the average thrifty politician in this country a full hand of tricks in the matter of versatility in politics. Ochs controls three newspapers, the Chattanooga Times, the New York Times and the Philadelphia Times. The Chattanooga Times is presumably democratic, the New York Times pronouncedly republican and the Philadelphia Times very much mugwump. Ochs has politics simmered down to a purely business basis.

George Fred Williams, with Governor Douglas, the leaven of democracy that is left in the once good old state of Massachusetts, says that for years the democratic party has been howling for tariff reform, but when at last it was given a chance for reform, the members, whether from the north or the south, wanted to reform everybody but themselves. When the states of the respective representatives were reached the democratic members from the same cried out aloud for a part of the "loot." George Fred Williams states the case correctly so far as Florida is concerned. Protect Florida's industries, said one of the members, and write whatever else you want in the bill. He said that he wanted for Florida a part of the "swag." That was a strong, if it was a candid statement.

The Baltimore Manufacturer's Record says that no portion of the country is more in need of good roads than the south. Nature has not given the southern states natural roadways such as are to be found in some colder climates and in the rocky regions where agriculture is painful and scantily productive. In the warm sections of the United States the hand of Providence has made all ready for cultivation of the soil at the least possible preliminary expense. Fertile acres that need very little or no preparation for producing profits to the owner is stretched over miles and miles of territory. Having provided the land for producing crops, nature could hardly be expected to produce the roads for hauling them. It is up to the man with the cotton field or the cane field to make his ways for travel, and the task, owing to the greatness of the distances to be covered, is an enormous one. It is only within a few years that the people of the south have really taken hold of the great problem of roads. In a short time and under many difficulties something has been accomplished which can be called a start in the right direction.

BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED

A special to the Tampa Times from Wauchula, under date of September 23, says that the dedication of the Baptist church was attended by the largest congregation that has ever assembled at the Baptist church. The seating capacity was taxed to its utmost, and many were turned away for the lack of seats.

WATTERSON ON JOHNSON

Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, was in France when he learned of the death of Governor John Johnson of Minnesota.

It was Mr. Watterson who first suggested Governor Johnson as a presidential possibility. The nomination made by the Kentucky editor was so unexpected that it took the country breathless at a time when the majority of the party had made up its mind that Mr. Bryan was the logical leader, since there was no stronger man in sight.

Being apprised of Governor Johnson's death at his hotel in Paris, Mr. Watterson paid the following characteristic tribute to the Minnesota statesman:

"I knew Governor Johnson well from his early manhood. He did me the honor of calling himself one of my 'boys.' In the summer of 1907 I made a sincere effort to convince the thinking democrats that his nomination would give us the only chance of election in 1908. Those who thought well of the suggestion, however, delayed too long in acting upon it and let the time pass, which, had it been improved, might have changed the whole character of the last presidential campaign.

"I am deeply distressed by the news of his death. The republic has, undoubtedly lost a great American. Had he lived he could have discharged a great public duty in leading us toward the organization of an adequate and enlightened opposition, which the country very much needs.

"I tender my respectful sympathy and homage to his family, and, indeed, to all the people of Minnesota."

The universal esteem in which Johnson was held may be judged from the expressions of President Taft:

"He was a wonderful man. He added to a charming personality a frankness and common sense that won over his natural political opponents and he made an able, efficient and most courageous public official. That a man of his parts and of his capacity for great public usefulness should be taken now at the age of forty-eight should be, and is, a source of national regret, for had Governor Johnson lived his position in the state and country was such that he certainly would have been called upon to fill an important place and to assist in the progressive movements of which he was a constant advocate."

GOOD ROADS IN GEORGIA

Georgia is using her convicts to build good roads, the lease system having been abolished, and it is stated that very satisfactory results are being achieved.

The Savannah Press, discussing the matter, makes this fine showing in support of the system, and as also proving the value of good roads to farmers:

"The fact that all of the 107 counties which have taken convicts from the state are satisfied with their bargain and are going to hold on to them, and that many of the thirty-nine that have none are asking for them, is a strong indication that the good roads movement has taken a strong hold on the people. We have been telling the farmers ever since the good roads movement was inaugurated that they and not the automobilists were its real beneficiaries, and we are glad to know that so many of them agree with us. We have no doubt that in the course of another year or so the feeling will be general throughout the state that good roads are worth all that it costs to build them and a great deal more. The other day we published an editorial in which it was stated that in Sumter county two mules recently hauled into Americus at a single load ten bales of cotton over a road on which before being improved, two bales were a load for them. That article has been reproduced in a number of weekly papers, and we have no doubt had the effect of strengthening the sentiment for good roads. If a team of mules can do five times the work on good roads and do it with greater ease and less strain on the wagon, it stands to reason that farmers could invest money in no way to better advantage than in good roads."

HUDSON-FULTON MARCH FREE

Next Sunday the New York World offers its readers a real musical treat in honor of the great Hudson-Fulton celebration. The World will publish the official Hudson-Fulton Grand March, music complete, exactly as it will be played at the official grand ball to be given at the Metropolitan opera house Saturday, Oct. 2. There will also be another set of pictures in colors of famous stage beauties by Archie Gunn. Nobody can afford to miss getting next Sunday's World.

Hon. S. P. Buie, mayor of Lake City, died at his home there last Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock. He was a good man in all the relations of life, and many friends throughout the state will learn of his death with regret.—Jasper News.

THE UNIVERSAL RELIGION

This paper has the most profound respect for all religions and every branch and denomination of every religion.

It pays humble tribute to the Jewish religion for the mighty impress it has made upon the world, and it has no stones to throw at other religions if any there be ante-dating it.

It reads with extreme gratification that among what we denominate as pagan religions there were hospitals for the sick and other charitable institutions, and that even in the twilight of history the world's population was not given entirely over to incontinence and wickedness—that in the general dross there was some refined gold.

It is glad to read of the corn laws of the early Roman empire, and the high standard of morality given out by Confucius ante-dating the golden rule of Christ by more than five hundred years: "Do not unto others what you would not have them do to you."

It reads with profound admiration the code of laws promulgated by Moses, which have their culmination in the ten commandments, which still serve as the rule of conduct for the enlightened nations of the earth.

It humbles itself at the feet of the Great Teacher, who "never spake as man spake," and left as footprints to follow ideals which are lifting the world to loftier heights.

It has read with unspeakable admiration Macaulay's magnificent tribute to the Catholic church and Brand's noble eulogy of the "Sisters of Charity."

It glories in the record of Martin Luther John Knox, John Calvin and John Wesley.

It has nothing but words of praise and adulation for the Episcopal church, the Baptist church, the Presbyterian church, the Christian church, and all churches of all denominations.

It has the most profound respect for the belief of every man who is conscientious in his belief—whether Jew, Christian or Pagan.

It believes that God looks down in tenderness and mercy upon all men and sees the pure in heart of members of all religions and cults.

This paper believes that all religions boiled down would be but one religion—the universal religion.

This paper believes that a man is made better by his religion and can be good despite his religion whatever it may be. It believes that "an honest man is the noblest work of god," and that all men can be honest if they try to be.

It believes that as knowledge spreads all men will become good, and that the world will be as God said it was—"good!"

God is its creator, so why shouldn't the world be good? And as all men are the children of God, why shouldn't they all likewise be good?

HERE IT IS AGAIN

The Ocala Banner is the only paper in Florida that stands flat-footed for free trade. It is opposed to protection in all its forms, and has never favored a compromise on any proposition with those who have been tinkering with the tariff. It has held that the principle of protection was selfish and sectional to the core. When others favored a protection of a dollar a box on Florida oranges, although at that time the owner of two groves, it stoutly resisted the proposition.

Yet in spite of its pronounced and uncompromising attitude, here comes the following from a writer signing himself "Splasher," the Brownville correspondent of the Arcadia Champion:

"Ye correspondent noticed a clipping in the Punta Gorda Herald from the Ocala Banner, edited by Mr. Harris, a very learned man, a man that generally writes what he thinks and generally is very level headed, but in this instance we cannot agree with him. He says if our democratic senators can, by their slick diplomacy, swap courtesies with Aldrich, Payne and their like and obtain a palatable slice for Florida they should be given credit for it. Ye gods! how democracy has been polluted.

"Mr. Harris, what have you done with the teachings of Thomas Jefferson? What would old Andrew Jackson say to such a proposition? It is enough to make the old war-horse turn over in his sepulchre."

Yes, but Uncle Andrew could not feel any worse about it than we do. To be so misunderstood and shamefully misquoted is enough to make a man feel like kicking his own daddy. And Sister Childs permitted it, too.

The Ocala Banner will again state its platform:

It is opposed to the system of protection from Alpha to Omega. It builds up one industry at the expense of others. It works a hardship on the farm producer and the general consumer.

This paper stands for equal freight rates—the same rates for interior cities as for seaport cities. It believes that the interior cities should be fostered the same as the seaport cities.

This paper stands for the fostering of our highways the same as our rivers and harbors. It believes that the improvement of our roads are as important as our rivers and harbors and should receive the same measure of national aid.

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